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LETTER DATED 10 JUNE 1996 FROM THE PERMANENT REPRESENTATIVE OF IRAQ TO THE UNITED NATIONS ADDRESSED TO THE SECRETARY-GENERAL

On instructions from my Government, I have the honour to transmit to you herewith a letter dated 10 June 1996 addressed to you by Mr. Abd al-Ghani Abd al-Ghafur, Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Iraq.

I should be grateful if you would have the present letter and its annex circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Nizar HAMDOON
Ambassador
Permanent Representative

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Annex

Letter dated 10 June 1996 from the Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs of Iraq addressed to the Secretary-General

I should like to inform you that on the morning of 28 April 1996 a black United States warplane coming from the direction of Kuwait violated Iraqi airspace and dropped large quantities of hostile and inflammatory leaflets in civilian areas of southern Iraq.

I request you to intervene with the two countries in question, as is required by the responsibilities entrusted to you under the Charter of the United Nations, so as to halt and prevent any repetition of actions that threaten the security and sovereignty of the Republic of Iraq, alarm the civilian population and constitute grave violations of the Charter of the United Nations and the norms of international law.

In accordance with the principle of international liability, I affirm the legally established right of the Republic of Iraq to compensation for the material and other damage sustained by the Iraqi people and the Iraqi State as a result of such actions.

I should be grateful if you would have this letter circulated as a document of the Security Council.

(Signed) Abd al-Ghani ABD AL-GHAFUR
Acting Minister for Foreign Affairs
of the Republic of Iraq